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1. FOLLOWING LETTER RECEIVED FROM MINISTER OF DEFENSE PRINCE SULTAN JUNE 10, ADDRESSED TO COLONEL H.M. FISH, DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY:

"I REFER TO YOUR LETTER DATED MAY 23, 1975, IN WHICH YOU MENTION THAT THE LETTERS WHICH WE SIGNED ON JANUARY 5, 1975, FOR SIXTY F5/EF AIRCRAFT INCLUDED THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-THREE MILLION U.S. DOLLARS TO COVER COST PLUS AGENT'S FEES.

"WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SAG DOES NOT APPROVE OF SUCH PAYMENTS AND WILL NOT PERMIT THEM WHATSO-EVER. FURTHER, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU OF WHAT WAS CONTAINED IN MY LETTER TO MR. ELLSWORTH DATED MAY 17, 1975, CONCERNING THE NONACCEPTANCE OF ANY INTERMEDIARY, REGARDLESS OF HIS NATIONALITY OR REGARDLESS OF WHICH PARTY HE REPRESENTS, FOR ANY ARMS CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SAG AND THE USG.

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"I HOPE THAT I HAVE CLARIFIED OUR POSITION IN THIS MATTER VERY CLEARLY. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY HOPE THAT THE SAUDI-U.S. COOPERATION PROGRAM IN THE MILITARY FIELD WILL CONTINUE AS IT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY DESIGNED AND IN A CORRECT MANNER AS WOULD BE DESIRED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS. WARM REGARDS. SULTAN."

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